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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Reply to Comments DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I write today in reply to comments submitted in the proceedings relevant to a proposed new nationwide mobile broadband network. I work in education industry and it has become readily apparent that online educational services are increasingly valuable to our economy. Such services rely on broadband access to the Internet, and often, both teachers and students want to seamlessly access such applications and services everywhere and anywhere – whether they are over a wireless or wireline connection.

However, as the Commission reported in its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wireless Competition Report, more than a quarter of the United States receives absolutely no wireless coverage and 40 percent of the country doesn't have access to wireless broadband coverage. Given that firms such as Deloitte have noted that rapid deployment of 4G networks will generate at least \$151 billion in GDP growth between 2012 and 2016, creating 770,000 new American jobs, are there more compelling macroeconomic reasons to expedite the deployment of a nationwide mobile broadband network that expands our nation's wireless infrastructure to unserved and rural areas – as proffered by LightSquared?

I am also supportive of LightSquared's unique wholesale-only operation of its network. As the Commission stated in 2010, "ubiquitous high-speed mobile connectivity is spawning new industries and allowing existing industries to become more productive," and that LightSquared's network "will form another platform for innovation and growth of the U.S. economy." For example, private and public education entities could offer their own branded mobile broadband products and services using LightSquared's network in a way that is customized for their students, teachers and other customers. This would ultimately enable members of our industry to add much-needed revenue streams while providing education consumers with better access to the online applications and services it wants.

The public interest goals of the Commission are clearly furthered by this company's proposal and I urge the Commission to allow its consideration to move forward.

Sincerely,



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